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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BERLIN-RELATED PROTEST AT DRESDEN SEMINAR

- 1. AT THE AUGUST 16 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) REPORTED THAT A BERLIN MEMBER WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FRG DELEGATION TO A UN-SPONSORED SEMINAR IN DRESDEN NEXT MONTH. THE DELEGATE IN QUESTION WILL BE FROM THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN BERLIN.
- 2. THE SUBJECT OF THE SEMINAR IS RECYCLING OF SYNTHETIC WASTE (KUNSTSTOFF ABFAELLE) AND IT IS BEING HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 17-23 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE).
- 3. VON BRAUNMUEHL RECALLED THAT IN A SIMILAR SITUATION LAST YEAR OFFICIALS FROM THE FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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BERLIN HAD ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES IN ATTENDING A UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM SEMINAR. THE FRG DELEGATES WERE AT FIRST REFUSED ADMISSION AND ONCE ADMITTED WERE NOT PERMITTED TO SPEAK.

4. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THAT MR. VAN BERG, A MEMBER OF THE FRG'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN THE GDR, WAS

ACCOMPANYING THE FRG DELEGATION TO ADVISE ON ANY BERLIN-RELATED COMPLICATIONS. HE ASKED THAT THE ALLIES ALSO TAKE STEPS TO PREPARE FOR A POSSIBLE PROTEST ACTION.

5. THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE HAS HAD A CONTRO-VERSIAL HISTORY IN ITS OWN RIGHT AND THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL FROM THAT OFFICE AT A SEMINAR IN THE GDR SEEMS ESPECIALLY LIKELY TO GENERATE SOME KIND OF REACTION FROM THE EAST. IF A US DELEGATION WILL BE ATTENDING THIS ECE SEMINAR, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER BRIEFING THE MEMBERS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE. MEEHAN

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